



The Performance

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You have entered the room
 (the audience is here)
and spoken my name
 (now it's my cue).
I turn to answer
 (the performance begins)
and say something meaningless
 (stick to the script).
If ever I told you how I really felt
 (don't ad lib)
 you might leave
(never let the audience walk out),
 so I just swallow my love
 (the show must go on).